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The British species of *Stigmus* Panzer, 1804 (Hym.: Sphecidae)

This is a follow up note to one published earlier, where *Stigmus pendulus* was reported as new to Britain (Allen, 1987 *Stigmus pendulus* Panzer (Hymenoptera: Sphecidae) new to Britain. *Entomologist's Gazette* 38: 214). In that paper a key was given to the two British *Stigmus* species. Unfortunately, by a *lapsus*, I transposed the mesopleural character, rendering the key of limited value. By way of amendment I present a revised key here:

1. Upper part of mesopleuron strongly reticulate, so as to appear dull and not reflect light; pronotal tubercle pale yellowish-brown, at least posteriorly; male with the mesoscutum dull, shagreened (in the female more shining) *Stigmus solskyi* Morawitz, A.
- Upper part of mesopleuron more weakly sculptured, reflecting light between the weak rugae; pronotal tubercle nearly black; male and female with the mesoscutum shining, reflecting light strongly.....*Stigmus pendulus* Panzer

S. pendulus is still a rare species in Britain but has now been recorded from several of the home counties. These include another Kent record (L. Clemons) and records from Surrey (S. Miles), Middlesex (C.W. Plant), Hertfordshire (R. Uffen) (all *pers. comm.*) and Essex (Harvey & Plant, 1996, A provisional list of the bees, wasps and ants (Hymenoptera: Aculeata) of Essex. *Essex Naturalist* 13 (new series): 43-115).

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